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1. IN THE CONTEXT OF HAITI, WHERE PROBLEMS OF DRUG ABUSE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS SEEM TO REMAIN MINIMAL, THE WHITE PAPER DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME SIGNIFICANCE FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS HERE AS IT MUST IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE NO NCAP FOR HAITI, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A PERCEIVED NEED FOR ONE, MY OWN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING IN HAITI REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED IN REF D. WE SEE SOME CURRENT SIGNS OF PROGRESS WITHIN GOH TOWARD MORE EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL EFFORT TO PREVENT ILLEGAL TRAFFIC (SEE REF C).

2. BEARING THIS IN MIND, I FIND AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S POINTS GENERALLY WELL TAKEN. AT LEAST AS APPLIED TO HAITI, HOWEVER, I WOULD HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT GOING VERY FAR WITH ANY PROGRAM OF REWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OR AGENTS (PARA 4B, REF B). WHENEVER A SENSITIVE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT

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SENSES UNDUE INTERFERENCE OR PERSONAL FAVORITISM ON OUR PART,

IT IS LIABLE TO BECOME LESS DISPOSED TO COOPERATE.

3. I AGREE STRONGLY WITH THE WHITE PAPER'S EMPHASIS (PP 47-50) ON THE NEED FOR IMPROVED STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE IN FIELD OF NARCOTICS, PARTICULARLY ON CURRENT PATTERNS OF ILLEGAL TRAFFIC BY MAJOR RINGS. IN THIS MISSION WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE GOH SENSITIZED TO THE DRUG PROBLEM AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE ENFORCEMENT IN SPARING HAITI THE RAVAGES OF A PROBLEM FROM WHICH SO MANY MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES HAVE SUFFERED. WE COULD VERY EFFECTIVELY REINFORCE THIS DIALOGUE IF WE HAD SOME PERTINENT STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE OF A PRACTICAL NATURE TO OFFER TO THE GOH: E.G. IDENTITIES AND OPERATING METHODS OF MAJOR TRAFFICKERS KNOWN TO BE OPERATING THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN WHO MIGHT TRY TO MAKE USE OF HAITIAN TERRITORY. WE DO NOT RECEIVE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION. IF WE COULD TELL THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES SPECIFICALLY WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR, WE MIGHT GET A MORE MEANINGFUL FLOW OF INFORMATION BACK FROM THEM. IN THE FEW CASES IN WHICH, BY INSTRUCTION, WE HAVE ASKED THE GOH TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS, AIRCRAFT, OR VESSELS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NEITHER FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION NOR ANY MEANINGFUL IDEA OF THE CONTEXT. I BELIEVE THERE IS ROOM FOR A GREAT DEAL OF IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA IF WE SERIOUSLY INTEND TO ENLIST THE COOPERATION OF LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS HAITI.

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